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The Proceedings, as the official organ of publication of the Academy, will contain reports of its business and scientific sessions and of actions taken by its Council, notices of the Scientific and Biographical Memoirs printed for the Academy by the United States government, announcements of the awards of medals and research grants made from its trust-funds, and statements as to other activities of the Academy.

The Proceedings will also serve as a medium for the prompt publication of brief original papers by members of the Academy and other American investigators. Its aim will be to furnish a comprehensive survey of the more important results of the scientific research of this country. With this end in view the papers will, in general, be much shorter and less detailed than those published in journals devoted to special branches of science. It is indeed intended that publication in the Proceedings shall supplement, not replace, that in special journals. The Proceedings will aim especially to secure promptness of publication, wide circulation of the results of American research among foreign investigators, and fuller recognition of the advances made in the separate sciences by persons more directly interested in other sciences. The Proceedings will thus serve to draw wider attention to the detailed publications appearing in the special journals.

The scientific papers appearing in the Proceedings, though necessarily brief, are expected to be precise and to contain some record of the experimental or observational results upon which the conclusions are based; but such results are to be given in condensed summaries, reserving long tables of data, elaborate illustrations, and technical details of the work for publication in special journals. When practicable, the papers are to include an introductory statement of the general aspects of the research and of its relation to previous knowledge in the same field, so that its significance may be appreciated by those engaged in other branches of science.